

Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 39, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 3002. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to subsection (b), none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act for fiscal year 2004 or any fiscal year thereafter may be expended by a United States Government agency or contractor to enter into or modify any contract or subcontract with the Government of Saudi Arabia or any company or other business entity incorporated or otherwise based in Saudi Arabia.

(b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall be in effect until the Secretary of State has certified, in writing, to Congress that—

(1) the Government of Saudi Arabia has issued and made available valid exit visas to all United States citizens who are 18 years of age or older, and the minor children of such citizens, who the Secretary of State has reason to believe desire to leave Saudi Arabia but are currently prohibited from doing so;

(2) the Government of Saudi Arabia has surrendered custody of United States citizen minor children who the Secretary of State has reason to believe were taken or removed from the United States in violation of a custody order issued by a court in the United States or in violation of United States law, to the United States or the minor child's left behind parent or guardian; and

(3) the United States citizens referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) were provided a safe and meaningful opportunity to exit Saudi Arabia and return to the United States or their place of residence.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to two congressional fellows in the office of Senator MARK PRYOR, Gita Upple and John Pierson, during consideration of this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Denese Merritt, a congressional fellow in Senator GORDON SMITH's office, be granted floor privileges during the debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONDEMNATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC STATEMENTS BY MAHATHIR MOHAMAD

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise this evening to call the Senate's attention to a despicable expression of hatred that occurred in Malaysia yesterday. In his address to the opening of the 57-nation summit of Islamic nations, Malaysia's Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, urged Muslims around the world to unite against the Jews who he says rule the world by proxy.

Dr. Mahathir is a man known for his incendiary public condemnations of the United States, Israel, and the western world. Yesterday, his rhetoric esca-

lated, or should I say degenerated, to a new level of hate. Using the foul canards Hitler and other anti-Semites have repeated throughout history, he accused the Jewish people of gaining control of the most powerful countries.

He said "they, this tiny community, have become a world power," and he urged the 1.3 billion Muslims throughout the world to fight this "enemy." That is his definition. How was the speech received? According to today's New York Times, it got a standing ovation from the kings and presidents, sheiks and emirs, including key U.S. allies, gathered in Malaysia's capital, Putrajaya. I believe these comments are likely to encourage violence against Jewish people worldwide, and especially in Israel.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) charter calls for creating a favorable atmosphere for the promotion of cooperation and understanding between member states and other countries. But how can it be so, if the Prime Minister's remarks aptly capture the views of the OIC members? After all, they gave him a standing ovation. One has to wonder if they really want to promote peace between their nations and western democracies.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia, a country with one of the world's biggest Muslim populations, essentially expressed an open invitation for hate crimes and terrorism. Therefore, I am introducing a resolution that puts the Senate on record as repudiating Dr. Mohamad's loathsome remarks to the OIC.

My resolution also asks President Bush, who will be traveling to Southeast Asia next week, to repudiate Dr. Mohamad's vile sentiments when the two participate in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on October 20.

I am pleased that Senator SMITH, Senator FEINSTEIN, Senator CLINTON, Senator CORZINE, Senator BOXER, Senator DASCHLE, Senator DODD, Senator SCHUMER, Senator HATCH, Senator MURRAY, Senator COLEMAN, Senator WYDEN, Senator BROWNBACK, Senator REID, Senator LEAHY, Senator GRAHAM of Florida, Senator BAYH, and Senator CHAMBLISS are all cosponsors of my resolution.

I believe the leaders of the Muslim world should be encouraging mutual tolerance and understanding between people of different faiths. Instead, Dr. Mohamad's anti-Semitic remarks will only serve to undermine the peace and security people of all faiths seek so earnestly.

I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration. This resolution has been cleared, as I understand it, on both sides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 247) calling on the President to condemn the anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir

Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I ask unanimous consent the resolution and preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 247) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 247

Whereas the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, has become notorious over the years for his virulent opposition to Israel;

Whereas Dr. Mahathir opened the 57-nation, October 2003 summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Malaysia by characterizing Israel and Jews around the world as "the enemy" who "rule the world by proxy";

Whereas Dr. Mahathir's anti-Semitic remarks are despicable and will serve to incite further sectarian violence; and

Whereas President George W. Bush will be traveling to Thailand to attend the October 20-21, 2003, meeting in Bangkok of the leaders of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), which Dr. Mahathir will also be attending: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) thoroughly repudiates the damaging rhetoric of the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive; and

(2) calls upon President George W. Bush, on behalf of the United States, to condemn Dr. Mahathir's injurious sentiments when the President and the prime minister meet to attend the October 20-21, 2003, meeting in Bangkok of the leaders of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New York.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I thank my distinguished colleague, the Senator from New Jersey, for introducing this resolution in such a timely manner. I was proud to be an original cosponsor. I believe it is essential the Senate and our Congress be on record standing against hate and bias and discrimination, and particularly the kind of anti-Semitism that flowed at the meeting yesterday in Malaysia.

I join with Senator LAUTENBERG in urging the President to raise this directly with the Malaysian Government and with the other participants in the APEC meeting. I appreciate the quick action of Senator LAUTENBERG in ensuring our Senate could go on record while this meeting is still occurring.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1751

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1751 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1751) to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. I object to further proceedings.

CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 117, S. 274, the class action fairness legislation. I further ask unanimous consent that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of S. 1751 be inserted in lieu thereof; further, that the language be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to S. 1751, Senator GRASSLEY's class action bill, which is now on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I object.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that it now be in order to make a motion to proceed to S. 1751.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. I now move to proceed to S. 1751, and I further ask unanimous consent that the motion be temporarily set aside and that the Senate resume consideration of the motion on Monday, October 20, at 2 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL CEMETERY EXPANSION ACT OF 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 307, H.R. 1516.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1516) to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of five additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery System.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with amendments, as follows:

[Strike the parts shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.]

H.R. 1516

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW NATIONAL CEMETERIES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than four years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38, United States Code, shall establish ~~[five]~~ *six* new national cemeteries. The new cemeteries shall be located in the following locations (those locations having been determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be the most appropriate locations for new national cemeteries):

- (1) Southeastern Pennsylvania.
- (2) The Birmingham, Alabama, area.
- (3) The Jacksonville, Florida, area.
- (4) The Bakersfield, California, area.
- (5) The Greenville/Columbia, South Carolina, area.

(6) *The Sarasota County, Florida, area.*

(b) FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated for the Department of Veterans Affairs for any fiscal year after fiscal year 2003 for Advance Planning shall be available for the purposes of subsection (a).

(c) SITE SELECTION PROCESS.—In determining the specific sites for the new cemeteries required by subsection (a) within the locations specified in that subsection, the Secretary shall solicit the advice and views of representatives of State and local veterans organizations and other individuals as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the establishment of the national cemeteries required by subsection (a). The report shall—

(1) set forth a schedule for the establishment of each such cemetery and an estimate of the costs associated with the establishment of each such cemetery; and

(2) identify the amount of Advance Planning Funds obligated for purposes of this section as of the submission of the report.

(e) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit to Congress an annual report on the implementation of this section until the establishment of all ~~[five]~~ *six* cemeteries is completed and each such cemetery has opened. The Secretary shall include in each such annual report an update of the information provided under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d).

(f) DEFINITION OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.—In this section, the term "southeastern Pennsylvania" means the city of Philadelphia and Berks County, Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Philadelphia County, and Montgomery County in the State of Pennsylvania.

Amend the title to read: "An Act to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery Administration."

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendments be agreed to, that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the amendment to the title be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The title amendment was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 1516), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1516) entitled "An Act

to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of five additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery System.", do pass with the following amendments:

(1) Page 2, line 8, strike out ~~[five]~~ and insert: *six*

(2) Page 2, after line 18, insert:

(6) *The Sarasota County, Florida, area.*

(3) Page 3, line 17, strike out ~~[five]~~ and insert: *six*

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery Administration."

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO JACKIE ROBINSON

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1900.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1900) to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of the Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1900) was read the third time and passed.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO JACKIE ROBINSON

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 311, S. 300.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the title of the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 300) to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of the Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to pay tribute to Jackie Robinson—a great ballplayer, great leader and a great American.

Most Americans know of Jackie Robinson's baseball greatness. He was the 1947 Rookie of the Year; the National League Most Valuable Player in 1949; he lead the Dodgers to six pennants and one World Series; he batted over 300 for his career; and he was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962.

But there is, of course, far more to the story of Jackie Robinson than talent and success on the baseball diamond.